GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
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Outsourcing Services of ICDS Scheme
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme and its coverage along with the funds allocated/utilised, State/UT-wise during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether the Government proposes to privatise/outsource the services of ICDS Scheme in the country, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether representations have been received from Anganwadi Workers Federation against privatisation and for higher allocations for ICDS in view of drastic cuts in the budgetary allocations during the current financial year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken thereon by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
(SHRIMATI MANEKA SANJAY GANDHI)
(a) The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme launched in 1975 provides a package of six services comprising (i) Supplementary Nutrition (SNP); (ii) Immunization; (iii) Health Check-up; (iv) Referral Services; (v) Pre-School Non-formal Education; and (vi) Nutrition and Health Education to the targeted beneficiaries i.e. all children below the six years of age and pregnant & lactating mothers. The scheme is now universalized and self-selecting. Under the Scheme, 7076 Projects have been approved and 14 lakh AWCs have been sanctioned. As on 31.12.2015, 7072 ICDS Projects and 13.49 lakhs AWCs are functioning across the country. The services are currently being provided to 1030.14 lakh beneficiaries including 837.04 lakh children below six years of age and 193.10 lakh Pregnant Women and Lactating Mothers. Pre-school education is being provided to 354.05 lakh children of 3-6 years of age. State/UT-wise funds released and expenditure reported by them under ICDS Scheme during last three years and current year is Annexed.

(b) No, Madam.
(c)&(d) Some representations have been received in the Ministry against privatisation of ICDS Scheme and for higher allocation of ICDS from Anganwadi Workers' Federation. As there is no proposal under consideration to privatise or outsource the services of ICDS and sufficient funds have been allocated to the Ministry for implementation of the ICDS Scheme, Federations were replied accordingly.
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